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August 9, 1975

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

Following up on our conversation of yesterday evening at the seminar party here, I have written to Dr. DeShazo asking him to send you the caliph orans dirham with an invoice for \$1,500. I appreciate very much your helping us out in this matter because I know the other party who was interested in buying the coin and I doubt that we would ever have been able to get the coin from him. Obviously there is no hurry as far as I'm concerned about your donating the coin to us; as long as I know where the coin is and that sooner or later it will come to us I'm perfectly content.

I am sure you will be very pleased to have this coin in your collection, as it is a piece of great rarity and interest. You may be interested in a little background information on the coin. The mint is Basra and the date 75 H./A.D. 694-95. There are only three specimens known of this type with this mint and year. The reference is Miles' discussion in Museum Notes VII, 1957, p. 202. The type is otherwise known only from one other mint and year. Six specimens of this latter issue are known, but the mint name on it is still very uncertain. However, it is definitely not Adharbayjan as has been suggested. One specimen of this latter issue was sold in a Glendining auction on the 11th of December of last year for £550. Both the Basra coins and the latter issue of uncertain mint were struck by the Umayyad governor, Bishr b. Marwan,

as part of the attempt to find what Miles has called a Muslim iconography to replace the traditional Sasanian symbols.

Again I appreciate your help very much indeed, and Miss Thompson asked me also to express her gratitude.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike", written in a cursive style.

Michael L. Bates
Associate Curator of Islamic Coins

MLB:mw

P. O. Box 7132
Metairie, Louisiana
70011

Aug. 13, 1975

Dear Mr. Newman,

Michael Bates has asked me to
send the Drans dihem to you. I
hope you will have as much pleasure
from it as I did.

I am selling off most of my
Arab-Sāsānian coins now. If you are
interested in further purchases of rare
varieties of this coinage please advise.
I will send you a list if you
so desire.

Sincerely,

A S DeShazo

A.S. DeShazo

P.O. Box 7132
Metairie, Louisiana
70011

August 28, 1975

Dear Mr. Newman,

I mailed the Orens dishen to you
two weeks ago. I hope it has arrived
safely. If not, please advise me as
I would like to instigate a postal
enquiry as soon as possible.

Please advise me as soon as possible,
if you would be interested in the other
rare Arab-Sasanian coins I alluded to
in my letter. I have an acquaintance
who collects this series who is most
anxious to obtain the pieces I find I
must part with. I cannot put him
off much longer. If the coins you
may purchase from me eventually find

their way into the ANS trays, then they
will have a better home than I or
any private collector could provide.

I hope I may hear from you
soon.

Respectfully yours,

AS Dethazo

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 5, 1975

Dr. A. S. DeShazo
P. O. Box 7132
Metairie, LA 70011

Dear Dr. DeShazo:

The delay in answering you has been due to my being out of town and involved in other business matters. I spoke with Michael Bates and he told me that he would write you concerning the other coins which he might suggest my acquiring.

I am enclosing a check for the Basra Dirhem with the raised hands. Thank you very much for your patience and I look forward to hearing from you on the other matters.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPM:jah

Encl.

Po Box 7132

Metairie, La

70011

Sept 12, 1975

Dear Mr. Newman,

I have sent most of my Arab-Sasanian collection here in enclosed. Michael Bates has assured me that if any of the coins are donated to the ANS that they will be gladly accepted even if technically duplicates of the ANS holdings.

I have only withheld certain coins for research purposes. Those coins will be offered to you or the ANS in due course.

I hope you find these of interest and worthy of purchase.

Sincerely,

HO Dethlefs

To. Eric P. Newman
6480 Cecil Ave
St. Louis, Mo.

INVOICE

Sept 12, 1975

Collection of	25	Arab-Sasanian	coins	\$	2850.00
"	"	12	Tabaristan	"	<u>300.00</u>
					3150.00

Sold by

A.S. Deshazo

P.O. Box 7132

Metairie, La
70011

The outstanding rarities were priced heavily.

Ziyad "ZANK" 54	\$	150
al-Nakem "Kasna" 57	\$	800
'Ubayd Allah b. Abi Bakra	\$	500
'Ubayd Allah b. Ziyad "ZANK" 60	\$	100

P.O. Box 7132
Metairie, Louisiana
70011

Sept. 12, 1975

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thank you for your letter and check.

I am taking the liberty of sending you
a group of Arab-Sassanian coins you
may want to purchase.

The prices are based primarily on
the rarity of the coins and on recent sales
I have made to other collectors.

If any of these are unsatisfactory for
any reason, I will pay your return mailing
costs.

Sincerely,

A.S. Deshazo

P.S. I will try to get the coins off
today, the 15th at the latest.

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 7, 1975

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CERTIFIED MAIL #114229

Mr. A. S. DeShazo
P. O. Box 7132
Metairie, Louisiana 70011

Dear Mr. DeShazo:

As you indicated, there are only a few pieces in the last group you sent me which ANS does not have. I don't think it would be practical to buy the group and give them to the Society so they would have other pieces for trading purposes. The pieces are, therefore, being returned and I am sure they will find another home where they will be appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Enclosure

Mr. Eric Newman

No. 114229

EDISON BROS. STORES, INC.

RECEIPT FOR CERTIFIED MAIL—30¢ (plus postage)

SENT TO		POSTMARK OR DATE
Mr. A. S. DeShazo (10/7/75)		
STREET AND NO.		
P. O. Box 7132		
P.O., STATE AND ZIP CODE		
Metairie, Louisiana 70011		
OPTIONAL SERVICES FOR ADDITIONAL FEES		
RETURN	1. Shows to whom and date delivered	15¢
RECEIPT	With delivery to addressee only	55¢
SERVICES	2. Shows to whom, date and where delivered	35¢
	With delivery to addressee only	35¢
DELIVER TO ADDRESSEE ONLY		50¢
SPECIAL DELIVERY (2 pounds or less)		45¢

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P.O. Box 7132

Metairie, Louisiana
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Oct. 19, 1975

Dear Mr. Newman,

My coins returned safely. Thank you
for having a look at them. I will keep
them until I am ready to sell the
entire collection intact.

I have enclosed my check for \$200
to pay your postage.

Sincerely,

ASDeshazo, Jr